

Please do nothing to weaken the strength of Indiana's Telephone Privacy Act. My husband is an Alzheimer's patient. Prior to signing up for Indiana's telephone privacy protection, I received lots of calls that were at best unnecessary and time consuming and at worst invasive and rude to the point of threatening. I, and others like me, do not need the additional mental stress of dealing with those callers or the intrusion on what precious little time of peace and relaxation we are able to carve out for ourselves. We are voters who have affirmed our need for this kind of governmental care by taking the initiative to voluntarily sign up for our state program.

My quality of life is not great but telephone privacy has certainly been a change for the better. I don't want the inconvenience of an unlisted number, and I do not feel I need to bear the monthly cost of caller ID. There is also a device called "the zapper" advertised on television to assist those not fortunate enough to have a state law to act for them. I know no one who uses them but I would not purchase one because, for instance, JC Penney's also uses a computer to call me when merchandise I ordered has arrived for pick up. I assume I will be receiving more automated calls in the future from people I have chosen to do business with. I want my phone to accept those kinds of calls while eliminating those trying to sell me something or giving the illusion of getting information while they try to market something or get money for a bogus charity.

BOOTTOM LINE—PLEASE DON'T CHANGE MY TELEPHONE PRIVACY